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REMARKS

In the most recent Office Action, claims 2, 6, 15, and 16 were rejected, claims 3-5, 7-14, and 17-24 were objected to, and claims 25-29 were allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable and allowed subject matter.

Without acquiescing in the grounds for rejection and solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 6, 15, and 16 and rewritten claims 3-5, 7-14, and 17-24 to include the language of the claims from which these claims depend. No claims were added. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to allow this application for issuance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to *Deposit Account No. 03-1952* referencing docket no. 577182000100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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